

Weak Start Handicaps Becker in Amateur Game---First M. P. Threatens to Quit

BECKER GETS POOR START IN FIRST GAME

Opposes Bell in Contest That Early Develops Into Battle Between Pitchers.

NINTH WINS BY 4 TO 3

Manager Butz Threatens to Withdraw Team If Umpire Jaeschke Is Not Removed.

Among the Amateurs

- GAMES TODAY.**
 Cap. City—Vav. vs. Bank.
 Central—Twin. vs. Sher.
 Federal—Stan. vs. P. O.
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 E. W. S. S.—Ref. vs. Brethren.
 R. R. Y. M. C. A.—Car vs. Southern.
 Potomac—Oxon vs. Cong.
 Treasury—Inter. vs. Civil.
 Marquette—Trin. vs. St. Jo.
 Northwest—4th vs. St. Paul.
- GAMES YESTERDAY.**
 Central—G. P. O., 12; Y. M. H. A., 2.
 Depart.—War, 5; C. & L., 4.
 Federal—Fair, 1; Pet., 1.
 E. W. S. S.—4th, 4; 1st M. P., 3.
 Treasury—Fed., 9; C. or Cy., 3.
 Marquette—War, 6; Med., 2.
 South Eastern—Mohawks, 18; Aron-ales, 11.
 Northwest—Whit., 16; Calvary, 1.

Despite the fact that he was defeated by 3 to 1 in his first game on the sand lots in two seasons, Buck Becker, tried out by Griffith, farmed to Atlanta, and returned to Washington, showed that he has lost none of the cunning that marked his performance in amateur circles here when he was first noticed by Manager Griffith. Ninth is the team that won from Becker, who pitched for First M. P.

Something like 3,000 followers of the "small-town" game were present to see the Prize-of-the-Navy-Yard in his 1913 amateur debut, and none went away feeling that the one hour and forty-five minutes had been wasted.

Early in the contest the battle began to center around the pitchers, and had not Becker gotten away to a poor start, the game would have been even more interesting. The big fellow was wobbly in the first two frames, during which he let three tallies cross the plate. After this period, however, he was infallible, Beck's questionable home run being the only weak spot in the remainder of the game.

It was in the fifth round that Pitcher Bell connected with the ball, sending it into deep left, where a juvenile spectator, instead of having been hit, picked it up, there by interfering with its return into play. Moments later Becker was around the path, and finally dived at home plate. No ground rules covering such a technicality having been agreed upon by the managers, umpire Jaeschke had no reason for disallowing the home run.

In the ninth, first M. P. threatened to tie the score. Bell had been allowing the bases to be filled, but when one of the necessary six strikes was struck had been made, Bell tightened up, and no more scores were made off him.

Spectators and followers of both teams were almost unanimous in the belief that First M. P. put up a much higher class of pitching than the latter team was outwitted, and only by rushing in at every faltering movement of the pitcher, did Ninth get away with the game.

Ninth Street has strengthened its hold on first place in the East Washington Sunday School League by several points. Had First M. P. taken yesterday's game, Ninth would still have been on top by a margin of sixteen points. It is not improbable that the carrier that now stands between those two teams will not be broken down should Becker be able to keep his out-time form in the box.

Talk is rife today of Manager Butz, of the First M. P. team, demanding the resignation of Umpire Jaeschke as an alternative to his withdrawing from the East Washington League. Butz is said to charge Jaeschke with partiality and incompetency and declares that if the umpire is not removed from the East Washington circuit, he will that league together with his team.

Exactly how seriously this threat will be taken by the board of directors is a matter of much discussion. It seems certain, however, President Young and his associates are not going to throw out an umpire on the sole complaining of Butz or any other one team manager. Such a procedure would tend to disrupt the whole amateur organization, and soon the managers would begin to think they were running amateur baseball. Indeed, to grant the request of Manager Butz would be a disastrous move for amateur baseball.

With the exception of the play in question the umpiring of Mr. Jaeschke was beyond reproach, yesterday. In other games, his decisions have met only with ordinary protest, and there is not an umpire in the world who is able to please both teams in his decisions.

Lord's fielding and hitting featured Federal's 9 to 3 victory over Comptroller of Currency in the Treasury League.

Brown, in the box for War, allowed but four hits, and struck out eleven men when he defeated Naval Medicine by 4 to 2.

Murdock pitched almost airtight ball when he defeated Y. M. H. A. by 3 to 0, by 10 to 3. He was hit by five times, while G. P. O. made fifteen hits, thus the big score.

Fairmont's 2 to 1 win from Petworth was a pitchers' battle between Bell and Thompson. Each allowed three safeties.

Whitney Avenue had no trouble taking the game by 15 to 1 from Calvary in the Northwest League. Fourteen bingles were made off Tony.

Heavy hitting featured Mohawk's 13 to 11 victory over Arville. Durty, Taylor, Raba, and Scofield led with the stick.

In a ten-inning struggle, War won out by 5 to 4. Commerce and Labor being the defeated team. Rowley's single to right in the tenth decided the game.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL IS A BEAR ON DETAIL



KEEN COMPETITION AT EPIPHANY GAMES

Boys and Girls Are Seen in Athletic Program on Marshall Hall Field.

Keen competition developed yesterday afternoon on the Marshall Hall athletic field at the instance of the Epiphany Sunday school track and field games. Events were scheduled for boys and girls, both classes finding keen enjoyment in the races.

The boys' events for limited class, eighty pounds and under, were probably the fastest and most interesting of the games. The greatest number of points in this class were won by Judson D. Cobb, twenty in number. He won every race he entered. Donald Jones finished second and Henry Daly, third.

In the limited class, fourteen years and under, Forrest Daly won the gold medal with thirteen points, while Ralph Zea finished second, with nine points. The girls' events drew out a huge entry. Miss Eliza M. Moncure won the point trophy, a gold pin, by taking eighteen points. Miss Ruth Zea was second, with ten points, while the third prize, a bronze pin, went to Miss Vivian Odell.

The unlimited class was hotly contested between Mark De Grange and John Nintz. De Grange won the gold medal by a toss up. De Grange was second, and Elbert Hoover, third.

The exhibition two-mile run by John J. Campbell was closely contested with the kids who had formed a relay, each man running 40 yards. Campbell had to exert himself in the finish to beat the last man out. Time, 16.05.

BINGLES AND BUNTS

By GRANTLAND RICE.

The Piratical Problem. (What's the matter with Pittsburgh? Sport Historian Ralph Davis recently put this query up to different members of the Pirate team and while each admitted that the stuff was there, different reasons were given for the club's poor showing. And so, with apologies to the ever imaged Heck—)

Yes, they were there with the stick. Killing the ball every battle; Pitchers? They've got the league's pick—Slabmen that nothing can rattle; Fielders? The best to be found; Blocking the way every inning; Great little club all around—Buttbelloffittistheyain'twinning.

There isn't a weak spot about; There isn't a flaw you can muster; The peg or the grab or the clout. They pull in a flag winning cluster; Each bloke on the club's known to fame; All ready and primed for the spinning; The best little club in the game—Buttbelloffittistheyain'twinning.

Each time Manderin McGraw announces he fears the Cubs, Pirates, Dodgers or Braves about the Phillies, aforesaid Phillies jump out and increase their lead by from one to three games. Which is our pale-blue idea of the height of rebuttal.

Spooing? Who? Us.

Sir—While in the act of spooing or joshing Yale over her stand against Harvard this season, don't you think it might be just as well to look up the records of the two universities for the past twenty or thirty years? By doing so you will discover just where the Crimson ranks with the Blue as a winning banner. ELI—'04.

Far be it from us to spoof the Bulldog. And for that matter Yale's complete athletic history needs no defense against all the spoofs there are. But when Harvard manager to win on gridiron, diamond, and water in one season she is certainly entitled to a chortle even though the chortling be furnished by a non-combatant who happens to be peering nonchalantly over the fence.

Rowing Dope.

Evidently we are not a rowing expert. For example, we are not yet able to understand just why Cornell should stick to Columbia's pace, where it is understood that Columbia can't hold any such clip, and is merely setting it to break Cornell down.

In the meanwhile Syracuse doesn't care how long Columbia sets the pace and Cornell attempts to follow. Not as long as good judgment is as much a part of the game as big muscle is.

For One Thing or Another. The boast of batting and of fielding power; The blaze of fame from many a base hit wrench Await alike the inevitable hour—The paths of Heinie lead but to the bench. (Gray's Elegy in a Cub Ball Yard).

Bunn, the Baker of Baraboo, may have faded out across the Has-been border, but Frank, the Baker of Trappe, Md., is just beginning to hit again. Thereby proving that the bat is mightier than the dough.

The Red Sox figure Bender is about through. His average is ten won and three lost. He must have been quite a pitcher at the top of his game.

Johnny Gallagher to Run in Chicago Meet
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 25.—Johnny Gallagher, Georgetown's crack distance runner, will compete in the mile event at the A. A. U. championships in Chicago this summer in the hopes of being the mile titleholder. He is now training here.

Phillies Take Fourth.
BOSTON, Mass., June 25.—By hammering Tyler all over the lot the Phillies grabbed the fourth straight game and a 4 to 1 victory over the Red Sox. A double play and a fly to Fiskert stopped a furious batting rally by the Braves in the eighth. The score: Phillies..... 0 2 5 0 0 0 1 0 8 11 2
Braves..... 0 0 1 0 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 11 2
Batteries—Phillies, Sexton, Alexander and Killifer; Braves, Tyler, Dickson, Hess and Rariden.

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MAKING OPEN WAR ON A. A. U. METHODS

Albany Insists on Being a District by Itself to Escape Grafting Athletes.

ALBANY, N. Y., June 25.—Open war has been declared on the A. A. U. here. W. T. Whittemore, former A. A. U. leader, is in charge of the rebellion and is running an unaffiliated meet here July 4. Troy, Albany, Cohoes, Watervliet, and Schenectady are supporting the revolt.

"Last winter Albany tried to be made a district by itself," says Whittemore, "in order to escape the domination of the New York officers and grafting athletes. We were defeated. Now we're going to make a district for ourselves. "I call anybody who ever promoted a meet to bear witness that it is impossible to have any of those New York athletes such as Flanagan, Sheppard, Kiviat, Sheridan and others, appear without receiving large sums of money. It is a case of pay expense money for one day that would make a good week's salary for any of the promoters. Furthermore, these athletes insist that the handicapping must be done to allow them to win.

Albany athletes and promoters are through working for the New York grafters and that is why we're going to throw over the A. A. U."

World's Championship Flag Goes Up Today

BOSTON, Mass., June 25.—With city and State officials as onlookers the world's champion gonfalon will be hoisted today at Fenway Park by Manager Stahl and the Red Sox, assisted by Frank Chance's Yankees. After the ceremonies "Smoky" Joe Wood and Ruth Ford will grapple for the first game of the series.

Louden is Captain.

HANOVER, N. H., June 25.—Charles W. Louden, of Troy, N. Y., has been elected captain for next year of the Dartmouth baseball team. For the last two years Louden, who is a junior, has played left field.

Favor Sunday game.

Twenty-seven mayors of New York cities favor Sunday baseball, as against five opposed to it. The opposition to Sunday baseball is always blind, advertising to a single argument which is never accepted by lovers of the game. It would be better for the youth of this country if they could play ball instead of being compelled to loaf around corners for their amusement on Sunday.

Jack Coombe case.

While rapidly recovering his health and strength, it is unlikely that Jack Coombe will be able to pitch another game of ball this season. The big fellow's presence is absolutely necessary to

BOB THAYER'S SPORTING GOSSIP

"EVERY KNOCK IS A BOOST."

Again, Boehling. Again Joe Boehling delivers the goods, and Manager Griffith and the fans are happy. The young southpaw certainly was classy in his work, showing wonderful control and plenty of nerve in the pinches. If he can continue to play ball as well as he is now, he's going to win a lot of games for the team, and prove himself a real big leaguer.

Jackson punished. Joe Jackson has been punished by indefinite suspension for slapping a decision of Jack Egan's in Cleveland Saturday. How a regular ball player can keep his temper in the face of the decisions being turned in by O'Loughlin, Egan, and Ferguson passes understanding. It would take the calm of a diplomat, and no ball player's quality as a diplomat.

A. A. U. in trouble. Because the A. A. U. refused to give Albany, N. Y., a district of its own, the athletic promoters are going to make a district by itself.

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Dartmouth Winner. HANOVER, N. H., June 25.—Dartmouth turned the tables on Amherst and won its annual commencement day game yesterday, 3 to 2. Wannamaker tallied for Dartmouth in the last half of the eighth inning, leading second after getting to first on a fielder's choice, and scoring on Bennett's hit.

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Zimmerman Closes in On That Soft Coin

CINCINNATI, June 25.—Estate Zimmerman, third baseman of the Cubs, claimed tentative possession of \$500 of the \$100 offered him by an unknown Cub fan, when Manager Evers led his crew into town today and it became not classed by the umpire today, he will have behaved for a solid week and have won half the "century."

Zimmerman nearly lost his chance to win the \$100 in yesterday's game at St. Louis. He said so many things to Hank O'Day after the latter had called a third strike on him that the Cub suspected to see him chased.

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